

Congressman Edwards knows that farmers and ranchers are the backbone of our country and that American agriculture plays a vital role in feeding and clothing our nation.

Congressman Edwards' accomplishments include:

- Worked closely with House and Senate Leadership to pass a Farm Bill in 2008 that maintains a meaningful safety net for America's producers and makes significant investments in America's food and farm economy.
- Supports additional funds for conservation programs in order to alleviate the nationwide backlog.
- Supporting Texas' ability to play an important role in renewable fuels production that will provide new markets for agricultural commodities, strengthen energy security which will reduce our nation's reliance on foreign sources of energy while maintaining a crucial balance between food, feed, and fuel requirements.
- Successfully fighting ill-advised regulations from the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service that would have trampled on private property rights and harmed Texas farmers and ranchers.
- Voting to extend and make permanent Chapter 12 Bankruptcy Protections to family farmers to give them "breathing room" by protecting agricultural equipment from forced sale in a bankruptcy proceeding.
- Voting in favor of the Peru Free Trade Promotion Agreement, (PFTPA) and supporting increasing free trade opportunities for American farmers.
- Opposing the Death Tax, which cause the breakup of family farms and ranches.

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